

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MARSHALL DIVISION**

NEARBY SYSTEMS LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

PANERA BREAD COMPANY and  
PANERA, LLC,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 2:25-cv-00454

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff Nearby Systems LLC (“Nearby Systems” or “Plaintiff”) files this complaint against Panera Bread Company and Panera, LLC (collectively, “Panera Bread” or “Defendants”) alleging, based on its own knowledge as to itself and its own actions, and based on information and belief as to all other matters, as follows:

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. This is a patent infringement action to stop Defendants’ infringement of the following United States Patents (the “Asserted Patents”) issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”), copies of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, **Exhibit B**, **Exhibit C**, and **Exhibit D**:

	<b>U.S. Patent No.</b>	<b>Title</b>
A.	9,532,164	Mashing Mapping Content Displayed On Mobile Devices
B.	10,469,980	Mashing Mapping Content Displayed On Mobile Devices
C.	11,937,145	Mashing Mapping Content Displayed On Mobile Devices
D.	12,185,177	Mashing Mapping Content Displayed On Mobile Devices

2. Nearby Systems seeks injunctive relief and monetary damages.

## **PARTIES**

3. Plaintiff is a limited liability company formed under the laws of Texas with its registered office address located in Austin, Texas.

4. Upon public information and belief, Panera Bread Company is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware.

5. Upon public information and belief, Panera Bread Company has its principal place of business at 1400 S. Hwy Dr., Fenton, Missouri, 63026.

6. Upon public information and belief, Panera Bread Company can be served through its registered agent, Corporation Service Company, located at 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, Delaware, 19808.

7. Upon public information and belief, Panera, LLC is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of Delaware.

8. Upon public information and belief, Panera, LLC has its principal place of business at 1400 S. Hwy Dr., Fenton, Missouri, 63026.

9. Upon public information and belief, Panera, LLC can be served through its registered agent, Corporation Service Company, located at 211 E. 7th Street, Suite 620, Austin, Texas, 78701.

10. Defendants maintain many locations at which they operate their businesses in Texas<sup>1</sup> and in this District that are the subject of this patent infringement case, including, but not limited to: 3050 South Central Expressway, McKinney, Texas; 3755 W. University Dr., McKinney, Texas; 951 W. Bethany Dr., Allen, Texas ,75013; 1900 Preston Rd., Plano, Texas; 941 N. Central Expy, Plano, Texas; and 6280 Tennyson Parkway, Plano Texas.

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<sup>1</sup> Texas locations available at [https://www.panerabread.com/content/panerabread\\_com/en-us/cafe/locations/tx](https://www.panerabread.com/content/panerabread_com/en-us/cafe/locations/tx).

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

11. Nearby Systems repeats and re-alleges the allegations in the Paragraphs above as though fully set forth in their entirety.

12. This is an action for infringement of a United States patent arising under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281, and 284–285, among others. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of the action under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and § 1338(a).

13. Defendants are subject to this Court’s specific and general personal jurisdiction under due process due at least to Defendants’ substantial business in this judicial district, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein; and (ii) regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct, or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in Texas and in this district.

14. Specifically, Defendants intend to do and do business in, have committed acts of infringement in, and continue to commit acts of infringement in this District directly, and offer their services, including those accused of infringement here, to customers and potential customers located in Texas, including in this District.

15. Defendants maintain a regular and established place of business in this District, including but not limited to: 3050 South Central Expressway, McKinney TX; 3755 W University Dr, McKinney TX; 951 W Bethany Dr., Allen, TX 75013; 1900 Preston Rd, Plano TX; 941 N Central Expy, Plano TX; and 6280 Tennyson Parkway, Plano TX.

16. Defendants commit acts of infringement in this District, including, but not limited to, use of the Accused Products identified below.

17. Therefore, venue is proper against Defendants in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) because they have established and maintained a regular place of business in this District and has committed acts of patent infringement in this District.

### THE ACCUSED PRODUCTS

18. Nearby Systems repeats and re-alleges the allegations in the Paragraphs above as though fully set forth in their entirety.

19. Based upon public information, Defendants own, operate, advertise, and/or control the website <https://www.panerabread.com/> through which they advertise, sell, offer to sell, provide and/or educate customers about their products and services that provide infringing systems including without limitation the Panera Bread App.

20. The Panera Bread App is made available by Defendants for download through smartphone app providers. *See* **Exhibit E**, and **Exhibit F**.

21. Defendants use, cause to be used, sell, offer for sale, provide, supply, or distribute one or more mobile device applications, including in particular the Panera Bread App, that are designed to allow Defendants' customers to locate stores and/or manage their accounts after locating and ordering from the closest Panera Bread location (the "Accused Products"). *See* **Exhibit G** (Exemplary Evidence of Use Regarding Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 9,532,164), **Exhibit H** (Exemplary Evidence of Use Regarding Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 10,469,980), **Exhibit I** (Exemplary Evidence of Use Regarding Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11,937,145), and **Exhibit J** (Exemplary Evidence of Use Regarding Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 12,185,177).

### COUNT I: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 9,532,164

22. Nearby Systems repeats and re-alleges the allegations in the Paragraphs above as though fully set forth in their entirety.

23. The USPTO duly issued U.S. Patent No. 9,532,164 (the "'164 patent") on December 27, 2016 after full and fair examination of Application No. 13/987,520 which was filed August 3,

2013 and was a continuation-in-part of application No. 11/974,258. A true and correct copy of the '164 patent is attached as Exhibit A.

24. The claims of the '164 patent are not directed to an abstract idea and are not limited to well-understood, routine, or conventional activity. Rather, the claimed inventions include inventive components that improve upon the function and operation of mapping systems by, for example, combining mappable data from disparate sources onto a digital map in a mapping application and may include a second set of mappable content, found outside the mapping application, that may be transmitted to the mapping application for mapping in conjunction with any of the existing (*i.e.* previously-displayed) mapping content.

25. The written description of the '164 patent describes in technical detail each limitation of the claims, allowing a skilled artisan to understand the scope of the claims and how the non-conventional and non-generic combination of claim limitations is patently distinct from and improved upon what may have been considered conventional or generic in the art at the time of the invention.

26. Nearby Systems owns all substantial rights, interest, and title in and to the '164 patent, including the sole and exclusive right to prosecute this action and enforce it against infringers and to collect damages for all relevant times.

27. Nearby Systems or its predecessors-in-interest have satisfied all statutory obligations required to collect pre-filing damages for the full period allowed by law for infringement of the '164 patent.

28. Defendants have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe one or more claims of the '164 patent by using, selling, offering to sell, providing, supplying, or distributing the Accused Products.

29. Defendants have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least claim 1 of the '164 patent, as detailed in Exhibit G (Exemplary Evidence of Use Regarding Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 9,532,164).

30. For example, as exemplified in Exhibit G, the Accused Products (including the Panera Bread App) provide a system and method for displaying map information on a mobile device (such as a smartphone or internet-enabled tablet) to obtain the data to display text and maps that present information to allow a mobile device user to identify and navigate to locations offering Defendants' products.

31. Since at least the time of receiving the original complaint in this action, Defendants have also indirectly infringed and continue to indirectly infringe the '164 patent by inducing others to directly infringe one or more claims of its claims. Defendants have induced and continue to induce customers and end-users, including, but not limited to, Defendants' customers, employees, partners, or contractors, to directly infringe, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '164 patent by providing use of the Accused Products. Defendants took active steps, directly or through contractual relationships with others, with the specific intent to cause them to use the Accused Products in a manner that infringes one or more claims of the '164 patent, including, for example, claim 1. Such steps by Defendants included, among other things, advising or directing customers, personnel, contractors, or end-users to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner; advertising and promoting the use of the Accused Products in an infringing manner; or distributing instructions that guide users to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner. Defendants are performing these steps, which constitute induced infringement with the knowledge of the '164 patent and with the knowledge that the induced acts constitute infringement. Defendants are aware that the normal and customary use of the Accused Products

by others would infringe one or more claims of the '164 patent. Defendants' inducement is ongoing. *See* Exhibit E and Exhibit F.

32. Defendants have also indirectly infringed and continue to indirectly infringe by contributing to the infringement of one or more claims of the '164 patent. Defendants have contributed and continue to contribute to the direct infringement of one or more claims of the '164 patent by their customers, personnel, and contractors. The Accused Products have special features that are specially designed to be used in an infringing way and that have no substantial uses other than ones that infringe one or more claims of the '164 patent, including, for example, claim 1. The special features constitute a material part of the invention of one or more of the claims of the '164 patent and are not staple articles of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use. Defendants' contributory infringement is ongoing. *See* Exhibit E and Exhibit F.

33. Defendants have knowledge of the '164 patent at least as of the date when each was notified of the filing of this action.

34. Furthermore, on information and belief, Defendants have a policy or practice of not reviewing the patents of others, including instructing their employees to not review the patents of others, and thus has been willfully blind of Nearby Systems' patent rights.

35. Defendants' actions are at least objectively reckless as to the risk of infringing a valid patent and this objective risk was either known or should have been known by Defendants.

36. Defendants' infringement of one or more claims of the '164 patent is, has been, and continues to be willful, intentional, deliberate, or in conscious disregard of Nearby Systems' rights under the patent.

37. Nearby Systems has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Defendants alleged above. Thus, Defendants are liable to Nearby Systems in an amount that compensates it

for such infringements, which by law cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

38. Nearby Systems has suffered irreparable harm, through its loss of market share and goodwill, for which there is no adequate remedy at law. Nearby Systems has and will continue to suffer this harm by virtue of Defendants' infringement of one or more claims of the '164 patent. Defendants' actions have interfered with and will interfere with Nearby Systems' ability to license technology. The balance of hardships favors Nearby Systems' ability to commercialize its own ideas and technology. The public interest in allowing Nearby Systems to enforce its right to exclude outweighs other public interests, which supports injunctive relief in this case.

#### **COUNT II: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 10,469,980**

39. Nearby Systems repeats and re-alleges the allegations in the Paragraphs above as though fully set forth in their entirety.

40. The USPTO duly issued U.S. Patent No. 10,469,980 (the "'980 patent") on November 5, 2019 after full and fair examination of Application No. 15/346,599 which was filed November 8, 2016 and was a continuation of Application No. 13/987,520 (which ripened into the '164 patent). A true and correct copy of the '980 patent is attached as Exhibit B.

41. The claims of the '980 patent are not directed to an abstract idea and are not limited to well-understood, routine, or conventional activity. Rather, the claimed inventions include inventive components that improve upon the function and operation of mapping systems by, for example, combining mappable data from disparate sources onto a digital map in a mapping application and may include a second set of mappable content, found outside the mapping application, that may be transmitted to the mapping application for mapping in conjunction with any of the existing (*i.e.*, previously-displayed) mapping content.



42. The written description of the '980 patent describes in technical detail each limitation of the claims, allowing a skilled artisan to understand the scope of the claims and how the non-conventional and non-generic combination of claim limitations is patently distinct from and improved upon what may have been considered conventional or generic in the art at the time of the invention.

43. Nearby Systems owns all substantial rights, interest, and title in and to the '980 patent, including the sole and exclusive right to prosecute this action and enforce it against infringers and to collect damages for all relevant times.

44. Nearby Systems or its predecessors-in-interest have satisfied all statutory obligations required to collect pre-filing damages for the full period allowed by law for infringement of the '980 patent.

45. Defendants have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe one or more claims of the '980 patent by using, selling, offering to sell, providing, supplying, or distributing the Accused Products.

46. Defendants have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least claim 1 of the '980 patent, as detailed Exhibit H (Exemplary Evidence of Use Regarding Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 10,469,980).

47. For example, as detailed in Exhibit H, the Accused Products (including the Panera Bread App) provide Defendants' customers a system and method for displaying map information on a mobile device (such as a smartphone or internet-enabled tablet) to obtain the data to display text and maps that present information to allow the mobile device user to identify and navigate to locations offering Defendants' products.

48. Since at least the time of receiving the original complaint in this action, Defendants have also indirectly infringed and continue to indirectly infringe one or more claims of the '980 patent by inducing others to directly infringe one or more claims of its claims. Defendants have induced and continue to induce customers and end-users, including, but not limited to, Defendants' customers, employees, partners, or contractors, to directly infringe, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '980 patent by providing or requiring use of the Accused Products. Defendants took active steps, directly or through contractual relationships with others, with the specific intent to cause them to use the Accused Products in a manner that infringes one or more claims of the '980 patent, including, for example, claim 1. Such steps by Defendants included, among other things, advising or directing customers, personnel, contractors, or end-users to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner; advertising and promoting the use of the Accused Products in an infringing manner; or distributing instructions that guide users to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner. Defendants are performing these steps, which constitute induced infringement with the knowledge of the '980 patent and with the knowledge that the induced acts constitute infringement. Defendants are aware that the normal and customary use of the Accused Products by others would infringe one or more claims of the '980 patent. Defendants' inducement is ongoing. See Exhibit E and Exhibit F.

49. Defendants have also indirectly infringed and continue to indirectly infringe by contributing to the infringement of one or more claims of the '980 patent. Defendants have contributed and continue to contribute to the direct infringement of one or more claims of the '980 patent by their customers, personnel, and contractors. The Accused Products have special features that are specially designed to be used in an infringing way and that have no substantial uses other than ones that infringe one or more claims of the '980 patent, including, for example, claim 1. The

special features constitute a material part of the invention of one or more of the claims of the '980 patent and are not staple articles of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use. Defendants' contributory infringement is ongoing. *See* Exhibit E and Exhibit F.

50. Defendants have had knowledge of the '980 patent at least as of the date when it was notified of the filing of this action.

51. Furthermore, on information and belief, Defendants have a policy or practice of not reviewing the patents of others, including instructing their employees to not review the patents of others, and thus has been willfully blind of Nearby Systems' patent rights.

52. Defendants' actions are at least objectively reckless as to the risk of infringing a valid patent and this objective risk was either known or should have been known by Defendants.

53. Defendants' infringement of one or more claims of the '980 patent is, has been, and continues to be willful, intentional, deliberate, or in conscious disregard of Nearby Systems' rights under the patent.

54. Nearby Systems has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Defendants alleged above. Thus, Defendants are liable to Nearby Systems in an amount that compensates it for such infringements, which by law cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

55. Nearby Systems has suffered irreparable harm, through its loss of market share and goodwill, for which there is no adequate remedy at law. Nearby Systems has and will continue to suffer this harm by virtue of Defendants' infringement of one or more claims of the '980 patent. Defendants' actions have interfered with and will interfere with Nearby Systems' ability to license technology. The balance of hardships favors Nearby Systems' ability to commercialize its own

ideas and technology. The public interest in allowing Nearby Systems to enforce its right to exclude outweighs other public interests, which supports injunctive relief in this case.

**COUNT III: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 11,937,145**

56. Nearby Systems repeats and re-alleges the allegations in the Paragraphs above as though fully set forth in their entirety.

57. The USPTO duly issued U.S. Patent No. 11,937,145 (the “’145 patent”) on March 19, 2024 after full and fair examination of Application No. 16/570,298 which was filed September 13, 2019 and was a continuation of Application No. 13/987,520 (which ripened into the ’164 patent). A true and correct copy of the ’145 patent is attached as Exhibit C.

58. The claims of the ’145 patent are not directed to an abstract idea and are not limited to well-understood, routine, or conventional activity. Rather, the claimed inventions include inventive components that improve upon the function and operation of mapping systems by, for example, combining mappable data from disparate sources onto a digital map in a mapping application and may include a second set of mappable content, found outside the mapping application, that may be transmitted to the mapping application for mapping in conjunction with any of the existing (*i.e.*, previously-displayed) mapping content.

59. The written description of the ’145 patent describes in technical detail each limitation of the claims, allowing a skilled artisan to understand the scope of the claims and how the non-conventional and non-generic combination of claim limitations is patently distinct from and improved upon what may have been considered conventional or generic in the art at the time of the invention.

60. Nearby Systems owns all substantial rights, interest, and title in and to the '145 patent, including the sole and exclusive right to prosecute this action and enforce it against infringers and to collect damages for all relevant times.

61. Nearby Systems or its predecessors-in-interest have satisfied all statutory obligations required to collect pre-filing damages for the full period allowed by law for infringement of the '145 patent.

62. Defendants have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe one or more claims of the '145 patent by using, selling, offering to sell, providing, supplying, or distributing the Accused Products.

63. Defendants have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least claim 1 of the '145 patent, as detailed Exhibit I (Exemplary Evidence of Use Regarding Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11,937,145).

64. For example, as detailed in Exhibit I, the Accused Products (including the Panera Bread App) provide Defendants' customers a system and method for displaying map information on a mobile device (such as a smartphone or internet-enabled tablet) to obtain the data to display text and maps that present information to allow the mobile device user to identify and navigate to locations offering Defendants' products.

65. Since at least the time of receiving the original complaint in this action, Defendants have also indirectly infringed and continue to indirectly infringe one or more claims of the '145 patent by inducing others to directly infringe one or more claims of its claims. Defendants have induced and continue to induce customers and end-users, including, but not limited to, Defendants' customers, employees, partners, or contractors, to directly infringe, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '145 patent by providing or requiring use of the

Accused Products. Defendants took active steps, directly or through contractual relationships with others, with the specific intent to cause them to use the Accused Products in a manner that infringes one or more claims of the '145 patent, including, for example, claim 1. Such steps by Defendants included, among other things, advising or directing customers, personnel, contractors, or end-users to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner; advertising and promoting the use of the Accused Products in an infringing manner; or distributing instructions that guide users to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner. Defendants are performing these steps, which constitute induced infringement with the knowledge of the '145 patent and with the knowledge that the induced acts constitute infringement. Defendants are aware that the normal and customary use of the Accused Products by others would infringe one or more claims of the '145 patent. Defendants' inducement is ongoing. *See Exhibit E and Exhibit F.*

66. Defendants have also indirectly infringed and continue to indirectly infringe by contributing to the infringement of one or more claims of the '145 patent. Defendants have contributed and continue to contribute to the direct infringement of one or more claims of the '145 patent by their customers, personnel, and contractors. The Accused Products have special features that are specially designed to be used in an infringing way and that have no substantial uses other than ones that infringe one or more claims of the '145 patent, including, for example, claim 1. The special features constitute a material part of the invention of one or more of the claims of the '145 patent and are not staple articles of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use. Defendants' contributory infringement is ongoing. *See Exhibit E and Exhibit F.*

67. Defendants have had knowledge of the '145 patent at least as of the date when it was notified of the filing of this action.

68. Furthermore, on information and belief, Defendants have a policy or practice of not reviewing the patents of others, including instructing their employees to not review the patents of others, and thus has been willfully blind of Nearby Systems' patent rights.

69. Defendants' actions are at least objectively reckless as to the risk of infringing a valid patent and this objective risk was either known or should have been known by Defendants.

70. Defendants' infringement of one or more claims of the '145 patent is, has been, and continues to be willful, intentional, deliberate, or in conscious disregard of Nearby Systems' rights under the patent.

71. Nearby Systems has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Defendants alleged above. Thus, Defendants are liable to Nearby Systems in an amount that compensates it for such infringements, which by law cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

72. Nearby Systems has suffered irreparable harm, through its loss of market share and goodwill, for which there is no adequate remedy at law. Nearby Systems has and will continue to suffer this harm by virtue of Defendants' infringement of one or more claims of the '145 patent. Defendants' actions have interfered with and will interfere with Nearby Systems' ability to license technology. The balance of hardships favors Nearby Systems' ability to commercialize its own ideas and technology. The public interest in allowing Nearby Systems to enforce its right to exclude outweighs other public interests, which supports injunctive relief in this case.

#### **COUNT IV: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 12,185,177**

73. Nearby Systems repeats and re-alleges the allegations in the Paragraphs above as though fully set forth in their entirety.

74. The USPTO duly issued U.S. Patent No. 12,185,177 (the “’177 patent”) on December 31, 2024 after full and fair examination of Application No. 18/436,421 which was filed February 8, 2024, and was a continuation of Application No. 16/570,298 (which ripened into the ’145 patent). A true and correct copy of the ’177 patent is attached as Exhibit D.

75. The claims of the ’177 patent are not directed to an abstract idea and are not limited to well-understood, routine, or conventional activity. Rather, the claimed inventions include inventive components that improve upon the function and operation of mapping systems by, for example, combining mappable data from disparate sources onto a digital map in a mapping application and may include a second set of mappable content, found outside the mapping application, that may be transmitted to the mapping application for mapping in conjunction with any of the existing (*i.e.*, previously-displayed) mapping content.

76. The written description of the ’177 patent describes in technical detail each limitation of the claims, allowing a skilled artisan to understand the scope of the claims and how the non-conventional and non-generic combination of claim limitations is patently distinct from and improved upon what may have been considered conventional or generic in the art at the time of the invention.

77. Nearby Systems owns all substantial rights, interest, and title in and to the ’177 patent, including the sole and exclusive right to prosecute this action and enforce it against infringers and to collect damages for all relevant times.

78. Nearby Systems or its predecessors-in-interest have satisfied all statutory obligations required to collect pre-filing damages for the full period allowed by law for infringement of one or more claims of the ’177 patent.



79. Defendants have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe one or more claims of the '177 patent by using, selling, offering to sell, providing, supplying, or distributing the Accused Products.

80. Defendants have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least claim 1 of the '177 patent, as detailed in Exhibit J (Exemplary Evidence of Use Regarding Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 12,185,177).

81. For example, as detailed in Exhibit J, the Accused Products (including the Panera Bread App) provide Defendants' customers a system and method for displaying map information on a mobile device (such as a smartphone or internet-enabled tablet) to obtain the data to display text and maps that present information to allow the mobile device user to identify and navigate to locations offering Defendants' products.

82. Since at least the time of receiving the original complaint in this action, Defendants have also indirectly infringed and continue to indirectly infringe one or more claims of the '177 patent by inducing others to directly infringe one or more claims of its claims. Defendants have induced and continue to induce customers and end-users, including, but not limited to, Defendants' customers, employees, partners, or contractors, to directly infringe, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '177 patent by providing or requiring use of the Accused Products. Defendants took active steps, directly or through contractual relationships with others, with the specific intent to cause them to use the Accused Products in a manner that infringes one or more claims of the '177 patent, including, for example, claim 1. Such steps by Defendants included, among other things, advising or directing customers, personnel, contractors, or end-users to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner; advertising and promoting the use of the Accused Products in an infringing manner; or distributing instructions that guide users to use the

Accused Products in an infringing manner. Defendants are performing these steps, which constitute induced infringement with the knowledge of the '177 patent and with the knowledge that the induced acts constitute infringement. Defendants are aware that the normal and customary use of the Accused Products by others would infringe one or more claims of the '177 patent. Defendants' inducement is ongoing. *See Exhibit E and Exhibit F.*

83. Defendants have also indirectly infringed and continue to indirectly infringe by contributing to the infringement of one or more claims of the '177 patent. Defendants have contributed and continue to contribute to the direct infringement of one or more claims of the '177 patent by their customers, personnel, and contractors. The Accused Products have special features that are specially designed to be used in an infringing way and that have no substantial uses other than ones that infringe one or more claims of the '177 patent, including, for example, claim 1. The special features constitute a material part of the invention of one or more of the claims of the '177 patent and are not staple articles of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use. Defendants' contributory infringement is ongoing. *See Exhibit E and Exhibit F.*

84. Defendants have had knowledge of the '177 patent at least as of the date when it was notified of the filing of this action.

85. Furthermore, on information and belief, Defendants have a policy or practice of not reviewing the patents of others, including instructing their employees to not review the patents of others, and thus has been willfully blind of Nearby Systems' patent rights.

86. Defendants' actions are at least objectively reckless as to the risk of infringing a valid patent and this objective risk was either known or should have been known by Defendants.

87. Defendants' infringement of one or more claims of the '177 patent is, has been, and continues to be willful, intentional, deliberate, or in conscious disregard of Nearby Systems' rights under the patent.

88. Nearby Systems has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Defendants alleged above. Thus, Defendants are liable to Nearby Systems in an amount that compensates it for such infringements, which by law cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

89. Nearby Systems has suffered irreparable harm, through its loss of market share and goodwill, for which there is no adequate remedy at law. Nearby Systems has and will continue to suffer this harm by virtue of Defendants' infringement of one or more claims of the '177 patent. Defendants' actions have interfered with and will interfere with Nearby Systems' ability to license technology. The balance of hardships favors Nearby Systems' ability to commercialize its own ideas and technology. The public interest in allowing Nearby Systems to enforce its right to exclude outweighs other public interests, which supports injunctive relief in this case.

### **JURY DEMAND**

Nearby Systems hereby requests a trial by jury on all issues so triable by right.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Nearby Systems requests that the Court find in its favor and against Defendants, and that the Court grant Nearby Systems the following relief:

- a. Judgment that one or more claims of each of the Asserted Patents has been infringed, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by Defendants or others acting in concert therewith;

- b. A permanent injunction enjoining Defendants and their officers, directors, agents, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, parents, and all others acting in concert therewith from infringement of the '164 patent, the '980 patent, the '145 patent, and the '177 patent; or, in the alternative, an award of a reasonable ongoing royalty for future infringement of the '164 patent, the '980 patent, the '145 patent, and the '177 patent by such entities;
- c. Judgment that Defendants accounts for and pays to Nearby Systems all damages to and costs incurred by it because of Defendants' infringing activities and other conduct complained of herein;
- d. Judgment that Defendants' infringements be found willful as to the '164 patent, the '980 patent, the '145 patent, and the '177 patent, and that the Court award treble damages for the period of such willful infringement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- e. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on the damages caused by Defendants' infringing activities and other conduct complained of herein;
- f. That this Court declare this an exceptional case and award Nearby Systems its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 285;
- g. That this Court enjoin Defendants' further infringement of the '164 patent, the '980 patent, the '145 patent, and the '177 patent; and
- h. All other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper under the circumstances.

Dated: April 29, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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**List Of Exhibits**

- A. U.S. Patent No. 9,532,164
- B. U.S. Patent No. 10,469,980
- C. U.S. Patent No. 11,937,145
- D. U.S. Patent No. 12,185,177
- E. Webpage: Panera Bread App Available at the App Store
- F. Webpage: Panera Bread Available at Google Play
- G. Exemplary Evidence of Use Regarding Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 9,532,164
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**List Of Attachments**

- Civil Cover Sheet
- Proposed Summons (2)